##### 4 A 2 Five Ways to Think about Change

1. When thinking about changes in technology, I think in terms of implementation that is slow, steady and full of intriguing ideas; ideas that would hook just about anyone who discovered just how useful an idea can be even if it is to fulfill a requirement of accountability. There are some neat gadgets that when implemented spark the question, “where did you find that”? My ideas all center on the exploration phase located on one cool website that is so teacher friendly that a teacher will be hooked before they realize it! Here is the website <http://www.altec.org/> in particular <http://www.4teachers.org/tools/>
2. A June 09 newsletter with things for a teacher to try over the summer will get attention. These a quick and interesting providing support for a teacher to gain confidence leading to scaffolding to success.

**Create a rubric – Learn to use RubiStar**

**Create an online quiz – Learn to use QuizStar**

**Create an online lesson – Learn to use TrackStar with TrackPack**

**Create a calendar using Assign-A-Day**

**Create an online project page – Learn to use Web Poster Wizard**

**Help students learn to organize their online research – Learn to use**

**NoteStar**

**Create awards and certificates online – Learn to use CasaNotes**

**Discover educational games – Arcademic Skill Builders**

1. I can also share a tip of what I did to get in t technology. Needing PLU’s to renew my certificate and needing time to play and explore with the technology, I signed up to take the little computer classes provided by my county for the PLU’s – received the hours and created the time to make myself play in a safe environment.
2. If a school could create within itself a culture of learning (professional learning communities) involving teams of teachers with similar interests and/or needs, these teams would create the sense of professionalism that “teachers” do not seem to have. Membership in a group is flexible and a teacher can belong to several teams. These teams begin with teacher interest not administration enforced.
3. One of my adult students won a Smartboard for her classroom from the principal. I thought this was cool idea. The principal had been granted a certain number of Smartboards but not enough for one per classroom. She set up a writing contest. Any teacher who was interested could submit an essay explaining why she/he and his/her class should have the Smartboard.
4. During a scheduled faculty meeting provide time for teachers in the computer lab to search the web for sites to support an area of the curriculum. Another suggestion might be for the administrators to visit classrooms sharing a story or lesson with the class while the teacher has time for searching for technology resources. Both ideas provide the much needed time for technology exploration.